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Title: METHOD AND ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE FOR  
CONTROLLING HEATING PROCESSES IN A COFFEE  
MACHINE

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DE 102 26 656 discloses a hot drink preparation device, in particular a coffee or tea machine, comprising a water reservoir, a flow heater, an outlet line for hot water, a temperature sensor for determining the temperature of the hot water, and a control device for adjusting the temperature of the hot water to a reference temperature, characterized in that a valve (23) is provided which can be controlled by the control device (24) and which can be used to adjust the temperature of the hot water to the reference temperature.

EP 0 935 938 discloses that the coffee maker includes: (i) a heater (3) in which is mounted an electrical heating element; (ii) device for feeding water into the heater (3); (iii) device to inject under pressure heated water from the heater (3) into the ground coffee, and; (iv) device to regulate the temperature of the heater (3). The temperature regulator includes a sensor (8), in thermal contact with the heater (3), associated with an electronic circuit (9) designed to control the electrical supply to the heater (3) and to control the on/off operation of the heater for various temperature settings which vary according to the initial temperature of the heater (3).

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		DE 102 26 656	01/08/2004	Dr. Bernd Fraenzel et al		
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